



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Our hope is that Spring is just around the corner! Our weather has certainly been unpredictable at times so please take a moment to review the morning weather report so that our students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play.



With only 3 months left of school, we have so many great things to look forward to here at Timberbank. Our School Council is organizing its second Spring Fair that we hope will bring our community even closer together on Saturday, June 8th. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Please call the office and leave your name and number if you can support us that day. But even before this date, we have a great fundraiser called "Fuel for Kids" scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd at Metro (Warden and Finch) from 4pm to 7pm. Thanks to Nascar driver, Dave Connelly, all proceeds from that evening will go directly to Timberbank to support the many great enrichment programs being offered at our school.

Our students will once again be featured at the Annual Spring Music Festival at Massey Hall on Thursday, May 9th at 7:30pm. And along with this honour, our students have been invited back to perform for the Elementary Asian Heritage Celebration on May 30th at Northern CI. Timberbank continues to be featured in the area of the Arts. We are so proud of all of our students.

At the end of May, our grade 3 and 6 students will prepare to write the primary and junior assessments for EQAO. Our fantastic teachers continue to focus on the higher order thinking skills that will prepare our students for the 21st century. We hope that you are able to read daily with your child, talk about what you read and of course, ask them about what they learned at school each day.

Through our teamwork, together we can make a difference!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

April 15/22	Grade 6 EOI project - "chatting" with ESL students in Jordan
April 19	Community Clean Up - 2:30 pm - all classes
May 1	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the library
May 2	"Fuel for Kids" Fundraiser @ Metro (Warden/Finch) from 4 to 7pm
May 7	EQAO Parent Information Night @ 6:30 pm
May 9	Grade 4 and 6 students perform @ Massey Hall - Spring Music Festival
May 14	Folkfest @ East York CI - 5:30 pm (raindate: May 16)
May 17	"On TRACK" Assembly @ 9am / SPORTS day
May 20	Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
May 21	Grade 4s participate in Special Needs Folkfest @ Ted Reeve Arena (am)
May 24	Track and Field Event @ York University
May 30	Grade 4s to perform at Asian Heritage Performance @ Northern CI - AM
JUNE	Spring Concert



TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:

The date has been set...

*Saturday, June 8th
from 10 am to 2 pm*

Our School Council is organizing its second Spring Fair with many great events and activities for everyone such as:



Folkfest Dancers; the Timberbank Band; Bouncey Castles; Dunk the Principal; Bike Safety; and many different food vendors....

If you would like to help out and volunteer your time at our event, please call our office at 416-396-6605. With everyone's help and support, we can have an incredible event!

FUEL for KIDS

This year, we have the unique opportunity to work with Nascar racecar driver, Dave Connelly, to bring an exciting fundraiser to Timberbank. Mr. Connelly will visit our school for a special presentation on May 2nd in the afternoon.

Then, on May 2nd, from 4pm to 7pm, all of our community and friends are invited to visit the Metro at Warden and Finch. Dave Connelly will have a great BBQ going and selling things to eat. Metro will have tables set up for cookie decorating and cupcake decorating.

All the money raised will go to support Timberbank students and the many wonderful enrichment programs we are able to offer.

Tell your friends and family...Come support Timberbank at Metro on May 2nd!!!

**ECO News**

On Friday, April 19th, 2013 at 2:15pm, (raindate: Monday, April 22nd), Timberbank staff and students will once again be involved in the Annual Community Spring Clean Up. After recess, every class will be responsible for an area in and around our school community to clean up. Students are asked to bring a reusable or disposable glove to use along with a garbage bag to help clean our playground and community streets.



Timberbank is Eco-conscious!

News from Miss Runighan's class

Students in our class have been hard at work! The grade 6s are writing recounts about all the exciting things that they learned during their trip to the Scarborough Outdoor Education School (SOES). The rest of the students are learning about different media texts while creating posters to tell students and parents about our upcoming "Fuel for Kids" fundraiser.



There certainly is a lot of learning going on in our room.



Congratulations!

Another winner...



STAYING "On TRACK"

On March 22nd, at our **ON T.R.A.C.K** assembly, we recognized students for their **"cooperation, commitment and courtesy"**.

Congratulations to:

Philip, Phavieran, Mimi, Michael, Justin, Harriny and Derek from **Ms Lo's** class
 Shirley, Kathir, Chris, Berlin and Akshat from **Mrs. Montgomery's** class
 Yathavi, Riaz and Amy from **Mrs. De Sousa's** class
 Willy, Marlene, Kreethica and Elham from **Mrs. Jeung's** class
 Pravin, Mathangy, Demetri, Asvitha, Angela and Aleena from **Mrs. Lee-Davis's** class
 Thilaksan, Nancy, Harshaan, Felisha, Chad and Anjana from **Mrs. Corrieri/Mr. Mirshahi's** class
 Varshan, Seraiya, Sagiran, Michelle, Jordan and Jennifer from **Ms Persaud's** class
 Taylor, Matthew, Jia Liang, Hajra and Breena from **Mr. Katz's** class
 Sagiran and Willy from **Ms Runighan's** class
 Yong Shan, Nila, Mithune, Linda, Kenny, Isaac and David from **Mr. O'Connor's** class



Our students met with Mrs. Epitropou for lunch. She asked them if they had a choice of which school they could go to, would they pick Timberbank? Why or why not?

They all said that they would choose Timberbank because:

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| <i>"my teacher teaches us fun things and answers our questions."</i> | <i>"...of the many trips we get to go on."</i> |
| <i>"there is no bullying at our school."</i> | <i>"...our teachers and principal are nice."</i> |
| <i>"we do a lot of active things."</i> | <i>"...we have a dance club."</i> |
| <i>"it is close to my house."</i> | <i>"...even if we are learning we are having fun."</i> |
| <i>"we are a Gold EcoSchool."</i> | <i>"...our mascot is a timberwolf and I like wolves."</i> |
| <i>"we get to dance and sing with special teachers."</i> | <i>"...we have houseleagues."</i> |

Gentle Reminders:

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- **Vehicles dropping off students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clear-posted signage for NO Stopping. Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank. Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.**
- **The Smoke-Free Ontario Act** prohibits anyone from holding or smoking lighted tobacco on any public or private school property at any time. This includes school parking lots, inside vehicles, driveways, fields, playgrounds etc...
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.

Reminder!

Grade 6 - Scarborough Outdoor Education School Trip: "I learned...."

"a lot of manners, kindness and most of all friendship. It was really fun." by Zaid

"that wasting food is bad for nature and I learned a lot about Kearney." by Praavean

"that Toronto gets water from Lake Ontario and that wasting water is as bad as wasting food." by Maria

"that we have to save our environment because if we don't, animals and humans cannot live." by Isaac

"manners, teamwork, kindness. I never got a chance to go for the blanket toss." by Adrian

"to help each other for example when someone is climbing, you help them." by Chris

"don't waste food at SOES." by Betty "wasting is bad for nature." by Linda

"I liked SOES because the things I did there were different from what I do at home." by Xin

"I enjoyed SOES because we did so many activities that were fun while teaching us and the food was great." by Abbiram

"I enjoyed SOES because they taught us to set the table, to be respectful and also how to be more mature." by Aakarshan

"I really liked SOES because we played fun games. I also enjoyed the Moose Room. We played a noodle game and you have to try to take the other person's spot. So it was really fun." by Nila

"I like SOES because we learned something new and I liked the games that we played in the Moose Room." by Abishega

"SOES was very good because they gave us a nice experience so that life will be easier when we grow up." by Yong Shan

"I loved SOES because of the beautiful forest. I loved how we learned new and interesting things. SOES is officially the BEST experience I've ever had."

"At SOES, I did things that I never did before, it was great." by Mithune

"SOES is a great experience that teaches us to become more responsible and independent." by Anda

"SOES was a great experience. One that I will remember for the rest of my life." by Brian

"SOES let me know what is teamwork. When we climbed the hill, someone had difficulty with it and we all helped each other. That is Teamwork!" by Eunice

"SOES is amazing. You will miss out on so much by not going." by David

"SOES is a great experience that I will never forget." by Sayilaja

"SOES is an awesome place to learn new things that you don't have a chance to learn in the city." by Devin

"SOES is amazing. I liked the cookout but not the hike." by Kenny

"SOES is a beautiful place to go. I like that we went on a 5 hour walk."

"Nothing at Kearney would be able to get done without teamwork, especially hiking." by Arruny



News from the Grade 6s - Engineer in Residence Program

During this year, Mr. K an engineer has been coming to our class to teach us things about electricity. We have been testing things to see if they work. The first thing we have made was a fruit battery. We use 3 types of fruit: a potato, lemon and an apple. The next thing we did was we tried to light up a small bulb using wires, tape and a battery. Then learned about fuses. We tried making a fuse to protect the bulb. When we used 3 batteries the fuse popped and the bulb did not light up any more. The first few times we tried to make the fuse we failed. But that was okay because Mr. K helped and we were able to get it working. Every time we make something it gets more challenging. We are learning so much and are very lucky and thankful to have Mr. K working with our class.



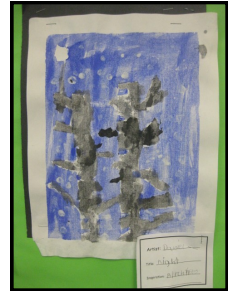
By: Maria

News from Mrs. De Sousa's Grade 1 class



We all like Visual Arts. The art that we all like the most are Thing 1 and Thing 2, Birch Trees, and Christmas ornaments. We all like writing. The writing that we all like are Nemo Writing (using describing words) and Dear Mr. Blueberry (letter writing). The math that we all like is 3D shapes and addition. We like them because we played a game called Headbands to learn about shapes. We played Mrs. De Sousa's cooking show to learn about adding.

By: Sakanan, Mariam and Daniel



News from Mrs. Lee-Davis's Grade 2/3 class

"Mr. Sanger is a good student teacher because he is helpful. Mr. Sanger helps us learn about fractions. He helps us to learn that graphic texts have features." **by: Leo**

"I learned about dancing in Dance Club. In Dance Club, we did 10 dances. In school, I learned about fractions. I learned some words like quarter and half." **by: Angela**

"In Eco-Literacy, we are learning that the rainforest is mostly cut down and the animals are disappearing! Save the rainforest! Plant trees after you cut them! Take good care of trees!" **by: Enya**



"We are learning about graphic texts. We looked at different features of graphic texts. We learned different forms of graphic texts. One example of a feature of graphic texts is the focal point. It means that something pops out to catch the attention of your eyes." **by: Abira**



PINK DAY



Chess Club

Every Tuesday at lunch, our library and computer lab become a place for beginner, intermediate and expert chess club players to get together and enjoy the game. There are over 30 students taking part and learning the game. We are so pleased to see this commitment to learning and fun! Stay tuned for important Chess Club tournament information that one of our grade 6 students plans on organizing for the Club...



Equal Opportunity Initiative (EOI) Presentations



At the end of March, our grade 4, 5 and 6 students were involved in some great learning thanks to the great presentations from Mr. and Mrs. Kelly from EOI. Our students learned about the wonderful programs that have been set up to support children in Jordan. We are very excited about “chatting” live with the English Language Learners in Jordan in April. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for their hard work and dedication to social justice around the world!!



Summer Programs for International Languages Elementary

Open to all students from SK to Grade 8, International Languages Elementary summer programs combine language learning with engaging cultural activities like games, songs, dance, story telling and crafts. This year, we are offering half-day programs in many languages and two full-day Mandarin camps. Registration is open!

For program and registration information visit: www.ileprograms.ca

Science Comes Alive at Timberbank!

Our grade 4 and grade 5 students love Science and thanks to Mr. Katz and the various Scientists in the School programs that make it very interesting. The students enjoyed many hands-on experiments...take a look!



Timberbank Helps to Support an Animal Cause

Nicole in Grade 5 approached her teacher and Mrs. Epitropou in hopes of running a fundraiser that would support animals in need in Jordan. She prepared the treats and sold them at our Canteen window each morning recess. Her goal was to raise \$100 and she very quickly was able to achieve her goal thanks to the many conscientious students at Timberbank.

Nicole would like to thank everyone for their support and buying the snacks to help save animals. She also wanted to thank David from Mr. O'Connor's class for his generous donation. The winner for buying the most snacks was Yong Shan. A big thank you once again to Timberbank for all of your support!

